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Baker-Polito Administration Celebrates Opening of Mary O'Malley State Park Playground in Chelsea

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CHELSEA — During a special ribbon cutting ceremony, the Baker-Polito Administration today celebrated the opening of a newly renovated playground at the Mary O’Malley State Park in the City of Chelsea. Approximately, \$400,000 was invested in the playground, which overlooks the Mystic River, and will be maintained and managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for the benefit of the residents of the Commonwealth.

“The Baker-Polito Administration remains dedicated to improving our state’s outdoor recreational opportunities and natural resources for people of all abilities to enjoy and benefit from,” **said Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Leo Roy.** “The significant improvements to the playground facility at Mary O’Malley State Park in Chelsea will be a welcome addition, enabling children to foster a healthy lifestyle by incorporating additional outdoor exercise into their daily lives.”

Details of the Mary O’Malley State Park playground project include:

- The removal of the obsolete playground equipment;
- The construction of new playground structures that meet modern design and safety standards;
- The renovation of new fencing and a front gate;
- Improvements to surrounding walkways and parking areas to ensure ADA compliance; and,

- The renovation of flower beds (flowers will be planted later in the spring season).

The newly improved playground features will assist in the development of depth perception, spatial awareness, enhance gross and fine motor skills, and improve upper and lower body strength in children in an inclusive play environment. For details regarding the Mary O'Malley State Park, please visit the DCR's [website](#).

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